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In re Application of:  
Lail et al.

Serial No.: 10/661,204

Filed: September 12, 2003

Title: Optical Tube Assembly Having a Dry Insert and Methods  
of Making the Same

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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, the following amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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